

Temporary Signs

Sec. 8-3112(c)(6)

The following temporary signs, whether or not they contain written messages or images, may be allowed subject to the listed conditions:

- (i) A single flag or single emblem or other insignia or an educational, charitable or religious group or individual nation or a multiple number of individual government units.


In addition, a single nongovernmental flag, not exceeding a size of five feet by eight feet when displayed on a flag standard of greater than 20 feet in height or not exceeding a size of three feet by five feet on a flag standard of 20 feet or less in height, and bearing only a registered trademark, logo, or a noncommercial statement, shall be allowed in any zoning district on the same parcel of the subject principal use.

- (ii) A banner, pennant, streamer, flag, balloon or other inflatable object, pinwheel, and similar attention-getting device may be allowed within any B-C, B-G, BG-1, B-H, I-L and I-H district (but not within a National Register Historic District) subject to the following conditions:

1. Such signage may be permitted for a period of not greater than 30 days per quarter nor greater than 60 days per calendar year; provided, the signage is not situated on a lot located across a collector or minor street right-of-way from a residential zoning district or a dwelling unit or is not located within 75 feet of a residential structure on either side of the proposed sign location along any street.

2. Such signage which occupies the same premises for more than 30 consecutive days or more than 60 days out of any consecutive 12 month period shall be considered a principal use sign, announcement sign, or supplemental identification sign according to the function and use of the sign as defined in this section and thereafter shall comply with the standards for such signage as set forth in this chapter or the sign shall be removed.

3. Such signage shall not exceed the maximum height or size allowed for principal use freestanding signs in the zoning district it is proposed to be located within, as specified in sections 8-3112(a)(2) and 8-3112(i)(2) in this chapter; provided further, that such signage shall not be located less than ten feet from any property line or



street right-of-way nor within the 20 feet visual clearance zone or any vehicular way unless authorized by the city traffic engineer.

4. Only one non-illuminated such sign may be permitted for the facade of each principal use structure or one such freestanding sign may be permitted for each 150 linear feet or fraction thereof per street frontage for each parcel at any given time.

5. Such freestanding signage shall be located only along an arterial or collector street or along a minor street if no residentially zoned property or dwelling is located within 75 feet of such sign.

6. Subject signage shall be located on the same lot or parcel of land such use is established upon or such event is scheduled to be held and shall be secured in a manner required by the city zoning or building codes to protect the public safety and welfare.

7. An application for such signage shall be made to the city zoning administrator. The permit fee shall be as set forth in the City of Savannah revenue ordinance.

8. A permitted temporary sign shall display a decal issued by the zoning administrator. The decal shall be affixed to the sign as directed by the zoning administrator so as to be visible to the passing public.

(iii) A public event temporary sign may be allowed on any public land, park or right-of-way, subject to a permit being authorized by the city manager, or his/her designee. Such public event temporary sign may be allowed subject to the following conditions:

1. Only one non-flashing sign shall be permitted for each street frontage. Such sign shall not be located within any street or public right-of-way or within 20 feet of the edge of any travel way, unless otherwise approved by the city manager or his designee.


2. The display area of the sign shall not exceed 32 square feet.

3. The sign shall be located along a collector or arterial street.

4. The sign shall be located on the same lot or parcel of land where such annual or special event is to be held.

5. The sign shall not be erected on the premises more than seven days before and two days after an event and shall not be located on the premises for more than 30 days per event unless otherwise authorized by the city manager.

6. Such signs shall not be placed on a property more than 60 days in any one calendar year.



7. Organizers of a special event open to the public and sponsored by an eleemosynary or philanthropic institution or bona fide public or nonprofit institution or organization may be allowed by the city manager, or his/her designee, to maintain a sign on public lands for a longer period than 30 consecutive days or 60 days per calendar year provided the sign is maintained in a good order and is permitted for a special public event of a longer period than usual duration. Such sign shall comply with the provisions as set forth in sections 6-1252 and 6-1254 of the Savannah City Code that no banners shall be erected over any street, land or highway of the city with any insignia or printed or written letters or pictures; nor shall a banner [be] attached to any tree or utility pole within the city limits unless the sign is erected by and removed by the city staff.